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County's voter turn-out light

by Marvin McLwain - Editor

The voter turn-out for the Democratic and Republican primaries held Tuesday was light.

According to the Coffee County Board of Registrars, there are 27,544 registered voters in the county; however, 5,631 of them are on the inactive list (haven't voted in the past 4 or 5 years).

The percentage of the county's voters (4582 voted in the U.S. Senate race) exercising their Constitutional right was 16 percent.

The following is the unofficial results of how Coffee Countians cast their vote beginning with the local races:

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY

COFFEE CO. COMMISSION

District 1:
Wendell Black.....491
Ray Blocker.....122
Jim DuBose.....100
Linda Westbrook.....348

COFFEE CO. COMMISSION

District 2:
Douglas Pittman (unopposed)

COFFEE CO. COMMISSION

District 3:
Jerry Davis.....148
Robert Stephens.....509

COFFEE CO. COMMISSION

District 4:
Douglas Dalrymple.....435
Jack Hanson.....316

COFFEE CO. COMMISSION

District 5:
Bernest Brooks.....471
Richard Spurlin.....83

There were no Democratic qualifiers for Districts 6 & 7.

REVENUE COMMISSIONER

Ronnie Burns (unopposed)

COFFEE CO. BOE

District 1:
Ken English.....224
Carlton Grant.....162
Charles Walker.....584

In the District 7 School Board Race, there were no Democratic qualifiers.

CONSTABLE BEAT 6

Pete Daugherty.....206
Donnie Farris.....223
Michael Patrick.....84

PRESIDENT PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Charley Baker.....1097
Jack Folsom.....843

ALA. COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS

Place 1:
Michael Jackson.....430
Joe Marston.....510
William E. North.....408

Place 2:
Paul W. Copeland.....934
Bill Wynn.....812

Place 3:
Harry "Maverick" Lyon.....555
Tom Sorrells.....1284

U. S. SENATE

Roger Bedford.....1437
Marilyn Bromberg.....247
Glen Browder.....856
Natalie Davis.....248

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY

COFFEE CO. COMMISSION

District 2:
Kayo Lewis (unopposed)

District 4:
Brock Wells (unopposed)

District 6:

R. L. Averett.....208
Janice Hughes.....133
Randy Lunsford.....174

District 7:

Charlene Goolsby.....385
Tom Grimsley.....342
Charles Webb.....153

There were no Republican qualifiers for Districts 1, 3, and 5.

REVENUE COMMISSIONER

Deborah Sims (unopposed)

COFFEE CO. BOE

District 6:
Paul Nelson (unopposed)

District 7:

Danny Lemigan.....349
Glenn Miller.....278

PRESIDENT PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Bruce Armistead.....226
Jim Sullivan.....729
Tom Weston.....145
Lee Wilson.....87

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MS. ELBA NURSING HOME 1996...is Ms. Annie Hall. This year's pageant was held last Thursday with twelve residents of the long-term health care facility vying for the coveted title. Ms. Hall will join other winners from nursing facilities across the state in Birmingham, AL on August 13, 1996 to compete for the statewide title of Ms. Alabama Nursing Home 1996. "I've never been so excited in my life!" said the 74-year-old queen as she basked in the glow of her newly bestowed title. Also selected as members of the queen's court were: Ms. Yvonne Williamson, first runner-up; and Ms. Eric Crook, second runner-up. Pictured above is the queen and her court. They are (l-r): Ms. Williamson, Ms. Hall, and Ms. Crook. The pageant is held each year by the local facility to provide recognition for nursing home residents and their contributions to their fellowman.

New Brockton Town Council suspends police chief

by Marvin McLwain - Editor

New Brockton's town council meeting lasted less than one hour, but the executive session lasted more than two hours (2 hours and 2 minutes to be exact).

At 7:15, the council, after conducting routine business matters voted to go into executive session "to discuss the good name and character of Police Chief Charles Driggers."

The motion was made and seconded by Councilmen Clinton Marler and Robert Miles respectively. Councilman Charles Cole amended the motion to include the discussion of Driggers and any other police officer.

Cole, in amending the motion, stated that he felt the matter to be discussed concerning Chief Driggers could not be done without bringing up the names of other officers. The motion as amended passed unanimously.

During the closed door session, Chief Driggers and police officer Darrell Griswold were both called into the session for a brief time.

After two hours and two minutes, the council emerged from behind

closed doors and went back into open session.

Mayor Kathryn Holley asked if there were any motions to be made as a result of the executive session and Councilman Cole responded with two motions.

Cole's first motion (recommendation) was that any and all administrative or personnel matters shall be presented to the mayor (Holley) and police commissioner (Cole) before any action is taken. This motion was passed unanimously by the council.

Secondly, Cole made the motion to suspend Chief Driggers for one week (five days) without pay. This motion passed 4 to 2, with council members Roseann Lewis and Jack Caradine casting the dissenting votes.

Shortly after discussing the trash collection system and street maintenance schedule, the council adjourned until July 8.

The only member of the council making any comment to representatives of the media concerning Driggers' suspension was Councilman Cole.

He stated that the chief's suspension resulted from the guidelines drawn up in March shortly after he

was suspended by Mayor Holley.

On February 14, Driggers was suspended for 14 days without pay by Mayor Holley. In the March 4 meeting, the council voted to disapprove the mayor's suspension of the chief and to give back to him five days of leave time.

However, as a result of that suspension, a set of guidelines were drawn up by Mayor Holley, Councilman Cole and Town Attorney Joe Sawyer to be followed by the chief.

These are the guidelines referred to by Cole as the reason for the chief's five-day suspension without pay.

The chief's suspension became effective Tuesday morning.

In other matters, the council voted to sell several items (office equipment) no longer used by the town. The items will be sold in one lump sum - one bid for all.

The following items are to be sold: an Epson 8088 50 meg computer with Samsung EGA monitor and Panasonic KX-P10911 printer; miscellaneous computer programs to include Peachtree Accounting, miscellaneous computer handbooks and videos, adding machines, and miscellaneous small office equipment.

All the items to be sold can be seen at the town hall between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, June 10

through 21, 1996.

Sealed bids will be accepted through Friday, June 21, until 3:00 p.m. The bids will be opened at 7:15 p.m. on July 8. This will be the next scheduled meeting of the town council. The council reserves the right to refuse any and all bids.

The police chief reported that his department had answered 19 complaints, made 13 arrests, and issued 42 traffic citations. The fire department responded to 4 fires and the rescue squad made 23 runs.

Driggers also noted that he, Lt. Jerry Gilbert, and officer Dale Grimes had received their radar certification.

Other actions taken by the council were as follows:

***Approved payment of the bills totaling \$7,448.00. (Note: Last week, it was reported in *The Elba Clipper* that as of May 23, a total of \$19,565.87 had been deposited into the town's bank account. That was WRONG! It should have been: \$9,994.21 had been deposited. We apologize for the error; however, the city clerk wished we had been right!)

***Voted to hold the next regular council meeting on Monday, July 8.

***Noted that the school for the municipal election officials will be held on August 20.

Grimes entering race for Mayor of Elba

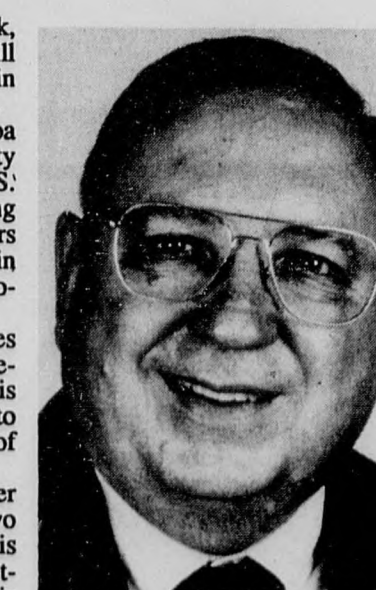
In a news release this week, James E. Grimes announced he will be a candidate for Mayor of Elba in the August 27th municipal election. Grimes, a 1957 graduate of Elba High School, attended the University of Alabama where he received a B.S. degree in Business in 1961. Along with his education, he has 35 years of experience as a public servant in administrative and management positions with the State of Alabama.

On September 1, 1996, Grimes will retire from the Alabama Department of Revenue. He says this will allow him to devote full time to the job of mayor, if the people of Elba choose to elect him.

James is married to the former Henrietta Mack and they have two children, Lisa and Wynn. He and his family are active members of Westside Baptist Church where James is presently serving as Sunday School director and deacon.

Grimes says he feels his education and work experience will be an asset in performing the duties of mayor. He said, "With my many years of experience in accounting, management and business administration, coupled with my love for Elba, I know I can, and will, do a good job for Elba."

Continuing he said, "If elected I



JAMES GRIMES

will do my best to serve all the citizens of Elba and make them proud to say they live in a small town with a big heart!

Grimes said he is planning an informal reception Thursday evening, June 20th at the Elba Public Library to meet and talk with interested voters. The meeting will be from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

** HAPPENINGS **

EMA MEETING. There will be a meeting on Thursday, June 13, 1996, at 7:00 p.m., at the Fort J. W. Hicks National Guard Armory in Enterprise. The armory is located just off State Highway 167 North. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the distribution of generators during a disaster. The public is invited to come and learn the requirements of distribution and methods of connection when requesting a generator. For further information, contact Terry Wilkins at the Coffee County Emergency Management Agency at (334)894-5415.

COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING. The Coffee County Commission will hold its regular scheduled bi-monthly meeting Monday, June 10, at 9:00 a.m. in the Community Room located in the County Complex in New Brockton.

CLOSING. The Coffee/Dale County USDA, Rural Development (formerly Farmers Home Administration) will be closed on Friday, June 7, 1996. The office will reopen on Monday, June 10, 1996, at 7:45 a.m.

by Marvin McLwain - Editor

Last Thursday, a Troy man was awarded \$35 million in compensatory damages by an Elba jury.

Reportedly, this is the largest jury award ever made in Coffee County, and probably the State of Alabama. Presiding Judge of the 12th Judicial Circuit Gary McAtiley's order read: "The court finds that said verdict is supported by the legal and competent evidence presented at the trial."

"It is therefore ordered that judgment be and hereby is rendered for the plaintiff, Jason Barr

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

As this was being written Tuesday, the voter turnout was as expected, low, low, low. Even many of those who indicated they intended to vote were not sure exactly which offices were up for grabs, nor which candidate they would support! As an editorial writer in *The Montgomery Advertiser* wrote Tuesday morning ignorant, or uninformed, voting can be more dangerous than not voting. In this corner, we had to do some asking around to cast a half-way intelligent vote in a couple of the judges' races.

The minimum wage battle is still being waged in Washington, with a strong likelihood the U. S. Senate will agree with the House bill and the increase of 90¢ per hour. Is this good or bad? It is according to whom you are talking with. Those who earn the minimum are all for the increase ... those who will be paying it are moaning and promising layoffs. The politicians ... If salaries go up, spending goes up, income taxes, etc. increase and there is more money for the elected official in Washington to graciously give back to the workers, hoping to bolster the chances of getting re-elected for another term at the feed trough.

Mayonnaise might be good for us after all! Researchers report the high content of Vitamin E might protect our brain and memory from the ravages of old age ... well it works on mice! There were a number of other foods listed in the report as high on Vitamin E, but the mayo is our weakness and therefore the only one remembered.

There was a \$35 million jury award against Yamaha in Coffee County last week, but it was topped by a much bigger one (\$150 million) against General Motors in Lowndes County this week. Right now there is a lot of pressure to change the Alabama laws in these damage suits and these two judgements will add fuel to that fire. Even the U. S. Supreme Court is criticizing Alabama punitive damage judgements. Not a single one of us would trade places with those injured nor their family members. We thank God (rather sheepishly) that it ain't us. However, we have heard several people pointing out that the interest alone on these cash awards (even after dividing with the lawyers) would be far more than either of the victims or their immediate families could ever spend. The correct answer ... we don't know, but watch for some huge battles and some changes.

We pray for your indulgence a moment during a bit of fatherly bragging. Many of you readers know that daughter Michele followed us into journalism. For those who don't know, she is publisher/editor of the twice weekly *The Amore Advance*, in Amore, AL. Michele has been with the Boone newspaper chain literally since the Thursday of her last final at the University of Alabama. She worked in Alex City, then Russellville, before being promoted again and transferred to Amore in 1990. Now for some real bragging ... The Alabama Press Association's annual "Better Newspaper Contest" winners were announced last weekend and she and her staff walked away with 18 plaques, including one in General Excellence! The most we have ever won here is one or two at the time, therefore it isn't Hedy's nor Ferrin's smarts which achieved this, but those of a dedicated, hard working daughter. Thanks for indulging an obviously proud parent ... and to all those who had a part in helping guide our three children from birth to mature adults right here in Elba, Alabama, a great big bear hug.

WE ARE AN OPEN

Hours at your
Elba Public Library are:

- Mon., Thurs. and Friday - open from 10 a.m. til 5 p.m.
- Tuesday library is open from 10 a.m. til 7 p.m.
- Wednesday - open from 10 a.m. until noon

THANK YOU

The Voters Of District 3 For Again
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Coffee County Commission. You
Have My Assurance That Honesty &
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ELBA POLICE REPORT

MAY 28 Thru JUNE 3, 1996

The Elba Police Department, beginning Tuesday, May 28, 1996, investigated the following incidents: one forgery, three harassments, three thefts of property, one reckless endangerment, one burglary, one criminal mischief, and two assaults.

Arrests made during the week were as follows: one for disorderly conduct, one for resisting arrest, and one for assault.

The following traffic citations were issued during the week: one for driving without a license, one for DUI, and one for passing in a no passing zone.

Daily activity highlights were as follows:
TUESDAY, MAY 28 - River stage - 4.70 feet (6:52 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on AL Hwy. 87N (7:48 a.m.); Wreck reported on U.S. Hwy. 84W in front of The Big/Life Store (4:15 p.m.); Rescue run to wreck on U.S. Hwy. 84W (4:19 p.m.); Alarm at Nasco Equipment Co. (7:01 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29 - River stage - 6.62 feet (6:08 a.m.); Alarm at Elba General Hospital (9:24 a.m.); Wreck reported on AL Hwy. 189N (12:09 p.m.); Rescue run to wreck on AL Hwy. 189N (12:12 p.m.); Wreck reported on U.S. Hwy. 84E (2:01 p.m.); Disturbance reported on Carver Dr. (3:25 p.m.); Alarm at Elba Cash & Carry (6:37 p.m.); Rescue run to morrow Village (9:25 p.m.); Shooting reported in Mulberry Park (9:48 p.m.).

THURSDAY, MAY 30 - Fight reported at Razzo's (1:23 p.m.); Stage - 7.55 feet (6:25 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on Highland Dr. (6:37 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Forest Lake Dr. (1:27 p.m.); Rescue

run to a residence on Old Curtis Road (1:36 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported on Reynolds St. (10:22 p.m.).

FRIDAY, MAY 31 - Alarm at Nasco Equipment Co. (3:51 a.m.); River stage - 7.70 feet (6:13 a.m.); Alarm at Elba General Hospital (3:19 p.m.).

SATURDAY, JUNE 1 - Alarm at Nasco Equipment Co. (2:32 a.m.); River stage - 7.70 feet (6:13 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Smith Ave. (6:24 p.m.); Disturbance reported in Morrow Village (10:33 p.m.).

SUNDAY, JUNE 2 - Fight reported on Reynolds St. (12:16 a.m.); River stage - 6.93 feet (6:25 a.m.); Alarm at Nasco Equipment Co. (10:23 a.m.); Disturbance (loud music) on Caroline St. (2:43 p.m.); Possible burglary reported on Putnam St. (7:36 p.m.); Disturbance reported in Morrow Village (8:56 p.m.).

MONDAY, JUNE 3 - River stage - 5.43 feet (6:28 a.m.); Alarm at Elba General Hospital (6:55 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on the Old Samson Road (4:33 p.m.); Shots fired on Lee Street and Martin Luther King Dr. (8:21 p.m.); Alarm at a residence on Sunset Blvd. (8:32 p.m.); Provoker reported on Claxton Ave. (10:39 p.m.).

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following persons admitted during the time period of May 28 through June 3, 1996.

They were: Jo Ann Carney, James Bradshaw, Albert Wood, Bonnie Nelson, Betty Williams, Wallace Koon, William Thigpen, Emmitt Watson, Gwen Rayborn, Mary Williams, Ed Baldwin, Timothy Williams, Elba Abercrombie, Joseph Burnett, Madie Kelley, Hazel Bragg, Lora King, Jesse Hatfield, James Chandra, and Elvira Thomas. Patients discharged during the same period of time were: John Jackson, J. Z. Scott, Mavis Beckworth, Judith Bullock, Jo Ann Carney, Emmitt Watson, Wallace Koon, Ludyne Chandler, Bonnie Nelson, Albert Wood, Thelma Scott, Joseph Burnett, Betty Williams, Mary Williams, Gwen Rayborn, W. B. Baldwin, Timothy Williams, and Gerald Flowers.

MAKING OURSELVES CLEARER

The Elba Clipper wants to correct errors that appear in this newspaper. Any reader wishing to point out our errors, whether ours or those of our sources, should contact the editor at 897-2823. Clarifications will appear promptly in this space.

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**Congressman
Terry Everett**

Who's Really Serious About Welfare Reform?

Despite what you may have heard from the liberal national media, Congress has not forgotten about welfare reform and, in fact, plans to give President Clinton a third chance to honor his pledge to "end welfare as we know it."

In 1969, the childhood poverty rate was at the lowest level ever recorded — 14 percent. Then the federal government launched its "War on Poverty," over three decades pumping \$5 trillion worth of one-size-fits-all Washington programs with Washington values into the heart of America's families.

The result? The child poverty rate increased to 22.2 percent. Over two-thirds of all births to young women. Teen drug use is at an all time high — 48.4 percent of the class of '95 had tried drugs before graduation.

For the second year in a row, Congressional Republicans are offering a real solution to this welfare-generated national crisis. We have a welfare reform plan which makes it possible for children to grow up in whole families where work is a reality and the interests and needs of children come first.

This realistic solution is, of course, opposed by the President, who continues to talk a good game while delivering nothing. Our plan includes the following:
•Tough new work requirements would require 1.3 million able-bodied adult welfare recipients to work in exchange for benefits. The 2.5 million children in these welfare homes would benefit by living in a

care reforms will help millions of children by ensuring that custodial parents who are owed child support receive that support. Right now, more than 80 percent of custodial parents who are owed child support do not receive it.

•Marriages would be encouraged by allowing states to impose limits on extra welfare benefits awarded to additional children born to welfare recipients.

This approach encourages marriage and promotes intact families. Most importantly, it ends the current practice of rewarding family breakdown which is at the heart of the welfare crisis.

On the other hand, President Clinton's welfare reform plan — the first he's submitted since taking office — is full of loopholes. For example, his work requirements don't even take effect until October of 2003, and he allows exemptions.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Mr. Cox & Staff,

Thank you so much for supporting and promoting the Little Miss Elba pageant this year.

I was thrilled to have my picture in the paper.

Thank you,
Haley Ann Stinson
Little Miss Elba

Dear Ferrin,

I want to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to Jack and Edna Brunson, and to everyone who helped in any way, for the display of flags on this Memorial Day and so many other holidays.

The Veterans' Memorial Park is within itself a pride for our town. The flags displayed make it a beautiful sight. It makes me so proud of our country and I remember our

May the Lord bless each of you.
Jesse Windham

Dear Editor:

I am writing this letter in response to a letter you printed from Elaine Tucker.

I don't know who or where she obtained her vast information about the police department. I do feel however from reading the letter it was a bit one-sided.

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I saw morale hit almost rock bottom during this time.

I wonder if Ms. Tucker will call the police department when the need arises that she has an emergency. If so, you know what? They'll be right there "to protect and serve."

Sincerely,
Phyllis Jackson
Another Police Officer's Wife
And Proud of It!

Dear Sir,

The Enterprise Courthouse! What are we going to do with it?

I agree and I think most people in the county will agree with me that the Enterprise Courthouse is not good enough to have our people working in it. Incidentally, I say the same thing about the courthouse in Elba. Now what are we going to do about them?

There is enough room in the block where the present Enterprise courthouse is to let this present courthouse stand and then build a new courthouse. The people working in the Elba courthouse need to be moved to a new courthouse as well as those here in Enterprise.

Now we should look at the money part. It will cost not so much more to build one courthouse to accommodate both the courthouses in Elba and the one in Enterprise. It will cost a little more to build the one new courthouse to operate with required people from one courthouse and the required ones from the other courthouse. But to have to build a new courthouse here in Enterprise and then have to keep up the old courthouse in Elba will be much more than just one courthouse will cost.

Friends, let our friends who represent us know that we are interested in saving money for ourselves and county and yet having the best to work in. That will mean one new courthouse a little larger than the one they are presently planning to build and not have people working in either of the old courthouses.

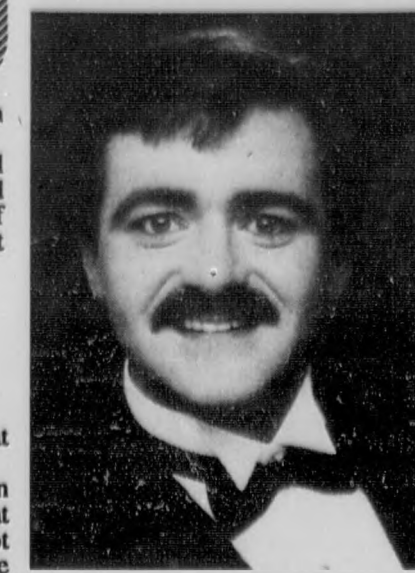
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Let us band together and save ourselves money and yet have a new courthouse.

I wish you the best of everything.
Sincerely to all,
James B. Jolley
299 Westview Drive
Enterprise, AL 36330

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WRITE A LETTER TO THE EDITOR!**

Dr. Jim Carlile to serve as chief resident of Children's Hospital



Dr. Jim Carlile

The Medical Director of the Department of Pediatrics of the University of Florida College of Medicine-Pensacola and Children's Hospital at Sacred Heart recently announced that Dr. Jim Carlile will serve as the new chief resident physician of Children's Hospital beginning in June of 1996.

Dr. Jim is a 1984 graduate of Brantley High School. He was awarded the President's Award Scholarship at Troy State University where he majored in biological science with minors in mathematics and chemistry. He received his Doctor of Medicine degree at the University of Alabama School of Medicine in Birmingham. Afterwards, he joined the University of Florida College of Medicine-Pensacola as a housestaff physician for his residency training in pediatrics.

Children's Hospital at Sacred Heart is located in Pensacola, Florida and is honored to be designed as the Pediatric Trauma Center for Northwest Florida. It is one of only three designed Pediatric Trauma Centers in Florida. Dr. Jim Carlile will be the first chief resident physician.

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AREA DEATHS

OUIDA MAE LAVANIA GRIMES

Ouida Mae Lavania Grimes, age 63 of Elba, Alabama, died Saturday, June 1, 1996 in a Dothan, AL hospital.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, June 4, 1996 from the Elba Deliverance Tabernacle with Rev. Shirley Hatcher and Rev. Jimmy Porter officiating.

Burial followed in the church cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include two daughters, Patricia Kidd and Joyce Richard, both

Cookout at the Pooles' enjoyed by Young At Heart Club

by Nellie B. Martin

It was one of those perfect summer nights when a remnant of a hot day lingers on in the early twilight. However, comfort prevailed, an ideal night without the nuisance of swarming mosquitoes—an uninvited guest.

The weather was just one of the elements that helped set the stage for an "ole-fashioned hamburger cook-out" at the Pooles home on North Troy Highway.

This annual affair attracted a large number of guests who arrived armed with lawn chairs and special recipe goodies.

The Pooles were well-prepared and the many conveniences were provided and enjoyed.

The tables were dressed in snow white linens, ready to receive the variety of special foods such as vegetables, salads, sandwiches, desserts, and refreshing cold drinks.

The chairs were placed in the designated area that was all dressed-up. A variety of hanging ferns were predominant and eye-catching.

At intervals were terra cotta pots filled with spectacularly blooming calla lilies, begonias, amaryllis, and caladiums clustered in a semi-circle, complementing the outdoor decor.

Mother Nature obliged with colorful flowers in a border near the white fence. At a designated point, a huge white basket with a sunburst arrangement of wild white hydrangeas was a focal point of interest.

Serving as a backdrop were hale and hearty tomato plants in full bloom, and clusters of fruit.

Everybody seemed in a party mood and much visitation such as reports of what, when, and where were shared.

Mart shared some interesting future trips for the club. If interested call Mart.

James Ross was in charge of the cooking with special assistance from volunteers.

Erleene gave an informal welcome and obliged with a Brain Twister with two players being declared winners. They were receptive of homemade goodies from her pantry.

At the given time, James Maddox voiced a prayer of praise, thanksgiving, and love.

After the feast, the guests enjoyed Bingo with James Ross directing. There's always homemade ice cream ready to be sampled. And sampled it was!

However, it's never too late to join voices and sing some favorites with musical characters like Liz and Mart leading. Everyone joined in and made a joyful noise, which proved it had been a good occasion to replenish our supply of love, joy, peace, and all the "fruit" that will make us magnetic Christians.

The roll was not called, but here are the participants: Lois Whaley, Nell Edmondson, Mae Snellings, Quinnie Whitman, Elaine Thompson, Lillian Taylor, Vernette and James Maddox, Marjorie and Floyd Morrow, Addie Belle Martin, Doris Taylor, Pauline Allen, Margaret Hasty, Allene English, Mary Lou Bailey, Hazel Lee, Grace and Elmer Taylor, Betty and Jack Parker, Sue and Bill Mitchum, Jean and Charles Kennett, Francis and Jim Williams, Helen McCollough, Anne Laura Wright, Merle and Ed Hudson, Lou and Ralph Bigelow, Erma and Milton Warr, Olive Ray and Sherry Martin, Mary, Will, and Mart Gray, Erlene and James R. Poole, Addie and Wilson Newman, Lucille Larkins, Sybil and Ned Padgett, Liz, Danny, and Mickey Murrell, and Nellie B. Martin.

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There is a trustfund for the cemetery set up at SouthTrust Bank in Elba. Please make your donation at the bank or send it to Mrs. W.C. (Lena) Farris, Kendrick St. Apt. 4, Elba, AL 363230

New Haven Vacation Bible School to begin June 9th

New Haven Baptist Church will be holding Vacation Bible School June 9-13, for ages 4 to 12th grade, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. In accordance with this year's Olympic-minded theme, "Go For The Goal", there will be lots of games, prizes, and a time for VBS pre-registration. Friday, June 14 will be Family Night with Commencement Services beginning at 7:00 p.m. Following Family Night services, there will be an overnight retreat for the youth. For more information, please call Rev. Cavin Cawthon at (334) 897-1825.

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MUSTARD SEED FOUNDATION NEWS

REGULAR MEETING
The Senior Citizens held their weekly meeting with 14 present. They were entertained by playing games and having fellowship. Those present at the meeting were: Mary Seavey, Mattie Lou Goodson, Myrtle Hudson, Dorothy Nell Crawley, Harper Smart, Francis Shaboo, James Cole, Zealton and Evelyn Smith, Sammie and Inez Wambles, Frank and Linnie McCollough. The helper was Diane Hudson.

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GOSPEL SING
Brother Wayne Whittington will be ministering in song and word on June 9, 1996 at the Mustard Seed Foundation beginning at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

NEW ARRIVAL
JONATHAN CALEB PILAND

Greg and Kim Piland announce the birth of their son, Jonathan Caleb Piland. He was born April 10, 1996 at UAB Hospital and weighed 7 lbs. 20 oz. He has an older sister, Katrina Joy. His maternal grandparents are Donnie Kelly and Robert and Tina Lofley. Paternal grandparents are Johnny and Joyce Piland.

Note of Thanks
We, the family of Jonathan Caleb Piland, would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one for their prayers and concern during his stay in the hospital. He is at home and improving more each day.

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Monday: Elba Zion Baptist Church; Bethlehem Baptist Church; Oak Grove Baptist Church; Piney Grove Baptist Church.

Tuesday: Greater New Zion Baptist Church; Triumph Holiness Church; St. Mark AME Church; and Bethel AME Church-Pineck.

Wednesday: St. Paul AME Church; New Zion AME Church; Sylvester Baptist Church; and St. Stephens AME Church.

Thursday: Rocky Head Baptist Church; Union Grove Baptist Church; Union Abundant Life (Elba); and Harris Temple COGIC (Elba).

Friday: Shady Grove Baptist Church (Elba); St. Joseph AME Church; Collins Chapel AME Church; New Bethel AME Church.

Committees: Finance: Bro. Frank Phillips, Bro. Michael Smith, Bro. William Patton; Program: Sis. Julia Phillips, Sis. Neoma Smith, Sis. Eva Miller.

Youth need to know America's Black heritage, a continuing strength in our society.

Charles H. Turner, (1861-1923) a leading entomologist with a special interest in ants and bees. Turner originated a method for the long-term study and recording of insect habits. He published findings and parallels between insect and human behavior in more than 50 publications between 1892 and his death.

Edward Hawthorne (1921). A native of Port Gibson, Mississippi, Hawthorne is noted for his study of the interrelationships between stress, the heart, the cardiovascular system, and high blood pressure. Experiences in private practice with hypertension in black patients led him into research. He has developed new electronic techniques for monitoring the heart. As dean of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences at Howard University, his work is generally believed to have revolutionized basic concepts about the heart.

America's Black Heritage Calendar
Today is a good day. Be grateful.
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Revival Services to be held at Victory Tabernacle Church

Revival services will be held at Victory Tabernacle Church, N. John Street in New Brockton, AL, June 9-12. The Sunday morning service will begin at 11:00 a.m. with the Sunday night service beginning at 6:00. The week-night services will begin at 7:00. The speaker will be Charles Fritchey. Everyone is invited to attend.

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Revival
Greater Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church of Elba, Alabama, Rev. Samuel Smith, pastor, will have revival services June 10-14, 1996 at 7:00 nightly.

The devotion and music will be by visiting churches and choirs. The welcome (Monday only) will be by Sis. Susie Johnson with the presentation of the speaker by Rev. S. Smith. The preached word will be by Rev. Bruce L. Nix, pastor of Saint Joseph AME Church of Autaugaville, AL.

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Elba Church of Christ Homecoming & Gospel Meeting

The Elba Church of Christ, at 715 North Troy Highway, announces plans for their Homecoming and Gospel Meeting June 23-26. The special speaker for this occasion will be Perry Cowan of Overton, Texas. Services for Sunday will begin at 9:00 a.m. with Bible classes for all ages. Worship will be at 10:00 with Mr. Cowan speaking. A noon meal will be served in the fellowship room. Afternoon services will begin at 1:30 with congregational singing, directed by David Stephenson of Troop, Texas. Monday through Wednesday services will be each evening at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Cowan is a native of East Texas. He has been in the education profession for the past twenty-eight years as a teacher, coach, assistant principal, principal and athletic director. The community is invited to come and share in this opportunity to hear these lessons from God's Word.

New Brockton First Baptist sponsors exciting bible school program

The Jesus Expedition, Making Discoveries about Jesus through His Miracles is the Vacation Bible School program hosted by the Brockton First Baptist Church June 10-14, from 6:30-9:00 each night.

The Jesus Expedition is a five-day expedition adventure featuring fun, crafts, music, and active Bible learning. By visiting different Expedition Sites each day, children will learn that Jesus is the Savior; He has power over death; He deserves our thanks; He rewards persistence; and He provides what we need.

Kids ages 4-12 won't want to miss any of the excitement of The Jesus Expedition. Each session will be held at Main Street - Hwy. 84, New Brockton, Alabama. For more information call the church at (334) 894-6220.

Grace Christian Fellowship Assembly of God Church plans revival services

Grace Christian Fellowship Assembly of God Church will be having revival June 10-14, at 7:00 each evening. The Rev. Billy Cardwell of Grove Hill, AL will be the guest speaker. There will be special singing each service. The church is located in Level Plains, near city hall on Old Hwy. 134. For information call 894-6371.

Kids Crusade planned at First Assembly of God

A Kid's Crusade will be held at Elba First Assembly of God June 10-12 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. There will be classes for ages 4-12, and refreshments will be served after the classes. If you need a ride, please call 897-6625 or 897-2880. There will be a grand prize given to the one who brings the most kids.

Mt. Calvary VBS planned for June 11-13

Mt. Calvary Baptist Church of Elba will be sponsoring Vacation Bible School June 11-13. Rev. Parks is pastor.

Congratulations to Amy Coon on graduating from the Kinston High School, Kinston, Alabama, and receiving your advance diploma on May 23, 1996.

Your parents, Charles & Angela Coon 6-6-1p

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Greater Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church of Elba, Alabama, Rev. Samuel Smith, pastor, will have revival services June 10-14, 1996 at 7:00 nightly.

The devotion and music will be by visiting churches and choirs. The welcome (Monday only) will be by Sis. Susie Johnson with the presentation of the speaker by Rev. S. Smith. The preached word will be by Rev. Bruce L. Nix, pastor of Saint Joseph AME Church of Autaugaville, AL.

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Men of Elba...Are You Ready?

"So, as much as in me is, I am ready..." (Romans 1:15)

When General Eisenhower lay seriously ill in the Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D.C., Billy Graham was invited to visit the dying President. He was told by the medical authorities that his visit could only last thirty minutes. When he entered the room the General greeted him with his customary smile, even though he realized he had not long to live.

Later, the great evangelist revealed what had taken place during that last conversation. At the end of the specified time the sick man asked the evangelist to lengthen his stay, and then said: "Billy, I want you to tell me again, how can I be sure my sins are forgiven, and that I am going to Heaven? Nothing else matters now."

I took my New Testament and read scriptures to him. I pointed out that we are not going to Heaven because of our good works, nor because of money we have given to the church. We are going to Heaven totally and completely on the basis of the merits of what Christ did on the cross. Therefore he could rest in comfort that Jesus paid it all. After prayer, I said, "Thank you, I'm ready."

It is regrettable that many informed people cannot repeat the late President's statement. Luke described the reactions of three men who had the opportunity to become followers of Christ. The enthusiasm of the first man waned when he heard the Lord saying, "Foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head." A warm and comfortable bed at night was more attractive than lying beneath a hedge.

The second man did not have much interest in discipleship, and made his family duties the excuse for avoiding acceptance of a new way of living. He might be ready—some day!

The third fellow wished to rejoin his family who, undoubtedly, would endeavor to dissuade him from something which he felt was in their estimation, interfere with his life. In any case, he would not do anything until he had backed in the warmth of his family's admiration. While the men considered other possibilities, their opportunity was possibly lost forever (Luke 9:57-62). All three might have been ready—but other projects appeared to be more important.

Paul, on the other hand, was ready. In Acts 9 we see that he was ready to SURRENDER when he said, "Lord, what wilt thou have me do?" Here in Romans 1:15, Paul was ready to SERVE. Acts 21:13 reveals that he was ready to SUFFER and 2 Timothy 4:6 communicates Paul's readiness to SACRIFICE.

Men of Elba, take a look at your life. Is your soul prepared to meet God? Is your life prepared to serve God? Is your spirit prepared to reflect God's love, mercy and forgiveness to others? Men of Elba be honest—are you ready?

Wise Mill Assembly of God to begin revival services June 9th

The Wise Mill Assembly of God, located on County Road 224 six miles out of Elba, will begin revival on Sunday, June 9 through Friday, June 14. There will be different churches in Alabama, Georgia, and Florida, and he is also an evangelist. Everyone is invited to attend. The services will begin at 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Sunday and 7:00 p.m. through the week. There will be special singing each night.

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Views From ...

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Melanie completed the first grade last week and for the second straight year received a certificate for perfect attendance. I never even came close to going to school every day when I was that age, but Melanie enjoys being around the other students and teachers, and being at school is something she really looks forward to. I know she will get sick one day and break her streak of over 360 days in-a-row, but a two-year streak is without a doubt a record for a Mularz!

ALL-STAR SELECTION IS NEVER EASY TASK

The various baseball and softball leagues in town will soon be picking their All-Star teams for tournament play, and while the players that are chosen are honored to represent their leagues, the players that don't make the squads far outnumber those that do. This causes hard feelings for some parents and players; however, everyone should remember that the players on the All-Star teams aren't the only good players in the leagues, and they are only the ones chosen to compete in the tournaments. Parents and fans should also think about how hard it is to pick just 13 players from a league that has almost 90 players to choose from. It is a difficult task, to say the least, and one that no coaches ever look forward to. All-Star teams are part of the sports world in which we live, and if other towns send All-Star teams to tournaments, the players from our leagues certainly deserve their chance to compete. Just remember when the teams are announced that every single player that competes on a team is a winner, and the fact that he or she does or doesn't make an All-Star team shouldn't make the season any less successful. There are at least three or four kids that don't play for every one that does, and that makes those that do compete winners every time they take the field.

LOCAL TEAMS GETTING READY FOR TRIP TO OHIO

Two local youth basketball teams are making preparations for their upcoming trip to the All-American Youth Basketball Classic, in Ohio, and both the players and their parents are hard at work raising funds to help finance the trip. According to estimates from the coaches of the teams, which consist of players from Elba and New Brockton, the total cost for both teams will exceed \$5,000. The teams will compete in a tournament with teams from across the nation and are guaranteed to play a minimum of six games during the five-day tournament. Sight-seeing trips are planned to such places as the Pro Football Hall of Fame, and it will be a trip that all the kids will never forget. Anyone wishing to make a donation of any amount should contact coaches Charles Cole at 894-6152 or 894-2325, or Ken English at 897-3393 or 897-3874. Any help will certainly be appreciated.

ON THE SOAPBOX, AGAIN...

The Alabama High School Athletic Association made it official last week that all six high school football championship games would be played at Birmingham's Legion Field. I agree that it is a good idea to play the championship games on neutral fields; however, I think a better idea would have been to play two games at three different sites and move the games around from year to year. Possible sites could have been Legion Field, in Birmingham; Crumpton Bowl, in Montgomery; Ladd Stadium, in Mobile; Bryant-Denny Stadium, in Tuscaloosa; and Jordan-Hare Stadium, in Auburn. I fail to see why having 40,000-50,000 empty seats at Legion Field will excite anyone, and I believe that the high school players would just as soon play at Auburn or Alabama's homefield as they would play in Birmingham. I'm not anti-Birmingham; however, the city has failed time and time again to make it as a big-time sports town, and now seems convinced that it can buy all the high school championships. I urge the AHAA to sit down and take a long look at its decision before it simply takes the money and runs to the bank.

** BABE RUTH **
BASEBALL LEAGUE

MARLINS 8

PIRATES 7

The Marlins scored 3 runs in their final at-bat to edge the Pirates 8-7.

Matt Windham got 2 hits to lead the Marlins, while Lance Bailey got 2 hits for the Pirates.

MARLINS 6

MARINERS 6

The Marlins jumped ahead early and held on to defeat the Mariners 6-1.

Charlie Driggers and Josh

Moore both got 2 hits for the Marlins, while Pat Harrison scored the lone Mariner run.

RANGERS 13

ASTROS 4

The Rangers scored in every inning to down the Astros 13-4.

Randy Dodd got 3 hits and scored 4 runs to lead the Rangers, while Dustin Simson added 3 hits and scored 3 runs. Adam Brooks got 2 hits and scored 1 run for the Astros.

The Expos pulled ahead early and held on to edge the Orioles 9-5.

Colby Capps got 2 hits to lead the Expos, while Lance Suley and Andy Kelley both scored 3 runs. Tyler Simmons got 1 hit and scored 2 runs for the Dodgers.

ROCKIES 7

PHILLIES 0

The Rockies were awarded a 7-0 win over the Phillies.

EXPOS 10

BLUE JAYS 5

The Expos pulled ahead early and pulled away late to down the Blue Jays 10-5.

BRADLEY'S CONST. 15

ELBA BLAZERS 4

Bradley's Construction scored runs in bunches to rip the Elba Blazers 15-4.

Leon Webster and Bud Van both got 3 hits for Bradley's, while Kersey got 2 hits for the Blazers.

David Strickland and Chris Thigpen both got 4 hits to lead Saddle Hill, while Earl Dubose led Dorsey with 3 hits.

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SPORTS

Hodge & Wambles named to elite dozen

County baseball standouts named to "Super 12"

The Dothan Eagle named its "Super 12" high school baseball

players in classes 1A-3A and 4A-6A last week and included among

Atlanta Braves to conduct tryout camps across area

The Atlanta Braves will conduct tryout camps at various sites across Alabama and Florida during the

months of June and July. Players attending the camps should furnish their own shoes, gloves and uniforms and must be

15-22 years of age to participate. Camp sites include: June 8 - University of Mobile, 10:00; June 14 - University of Alabama, 1:00; June 22 - Patterson Field, Montgomery, 10:00; June 26 - Crestview High School, 10:00.

Whitehurst signs baseball pact with South Alabama

Tom Whitehurst, a freshman sensation with the Wallace-Dothan

Governors during the 1996 baseball season, has signed a scholarship

agreement with the University of South Alabama.

The freshman center fielder from Early County, Georgia, batted

340 with two home-runs and 34 runs-batted-in for the Gov's, and also stole 28 bases and committed

only one error. "He is a complete player," said Wallace-Dothan coach Barry High-

tower. "One time he may go to the plate and drop down a bunt and the next time he may hit one 400 feet. He also has a great throwing arm in

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the honorees were Zion Chapel's Steve Hodge and Kinston's Jason Wambles.

Hodge, a senior pitcher/second baseman, batted .532 to lead the Rebels to their first ever appearance in the state playoffs, drove in 28 runs and stole 20 bases. He committed only one error in the field, while on the mound he posted a

record of 5-2 with an earned run average of 3.89.

Wambles, a senior pitcher/catcher, starred for the Bulldogs both at the plate and on the mound. He compiled a 4-4 record as a pitcher and posted an ERA of 2.69, while at the plate he batted .364 with 10 RBI's, and collected 7 doubles.

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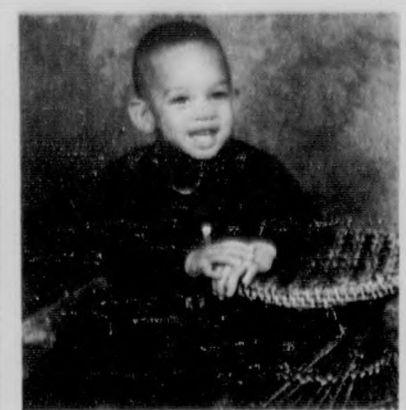
CITIZENS OF TOMORROW



Pictured above is Billy Driggers II, age 2 1/2. He is the son of Billy and Bridget Driggers of Elba.



Pictured above is Hillary Lauren Davis, age 4. She is the daughter of Corrina Daniels and Jeffery Wright of Elba.



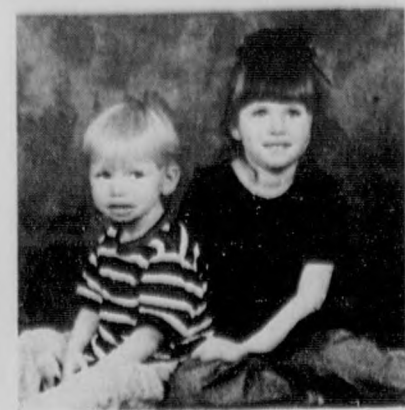
Pictured above is Jeffery Wright, Jr., age 20 months. He is the son of Anthony Hammonds and Amy Jones of Elba.



Pictured above is Aquante Jones, age 5 months. He is the son of Joseph and Tonya Creel of Elba.



Pictured above is Taylor Creel, age 3. She is the daughter of Joseph and Tonya Creel of Elba.



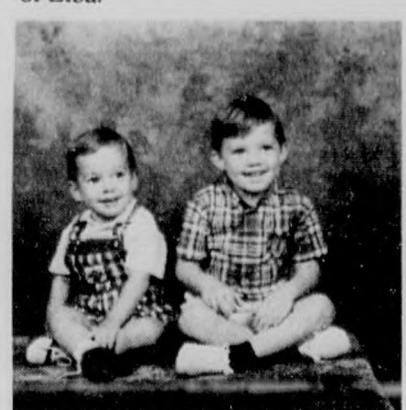
Pictured above are Stephanie, age 4 1/2, and Chad, age 2 1/2 months. They are the children of Tim and Stacie Beavers of Elba.



Pictured above is Matthew, age 2 1/2. He is the son of Missy Rogers of Elba.



Pictured above is Brooke, age 20 months. She is the daughter of Tabatha and Gary Weeks of Elba.



Pictured above is Ashton Kyle, age 3. He is the son of Mark and Robin Davis of Elba.



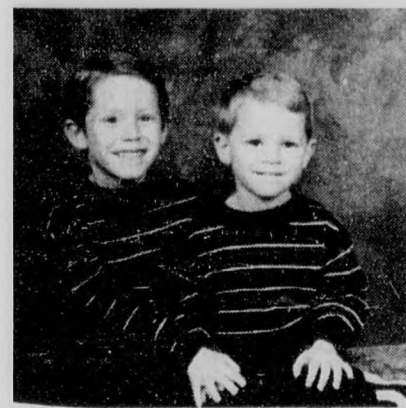
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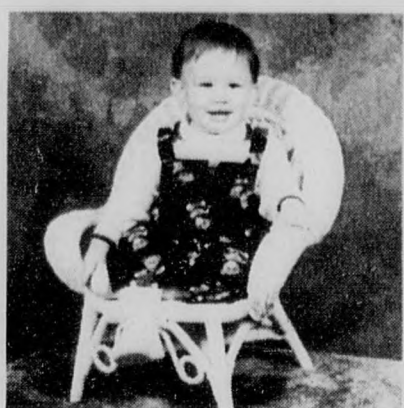
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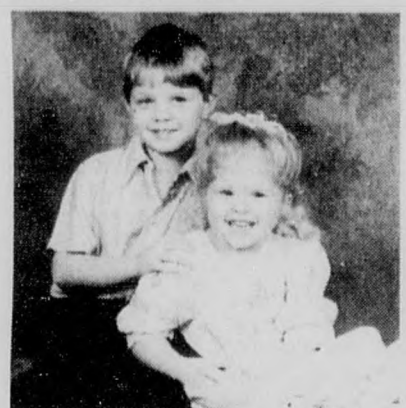
Pictured above is Chase, age 18 months. He is the son of Charla Meek and Shane Meek of Elba.



Pictured above are Jesse, age 6, and Morgan, age 3. They are the children of Arlene Oglesby of Elba.



Pictured above is Andrew, age 11 months. He is the son of David and Kim Lowery of Elba.



Pictured above are Brad, age 7, and Megan, age 5. They are the children of Scottie and Sandi Sullivan of Elba.



Pictured above is Jarret Johnson, age 4 1/2 months. He is the son of Chris and Sandy Johnson of Elba.



Pictured above are James Jr., age 14; Raven, age 10; Jammie, age 9; Katherine, age 8; Samuel, age 6; Jason, age 5; Bruce, age 3; and Neil, age 1 1/2. They are the children of James and Beverly Munger of Elba.



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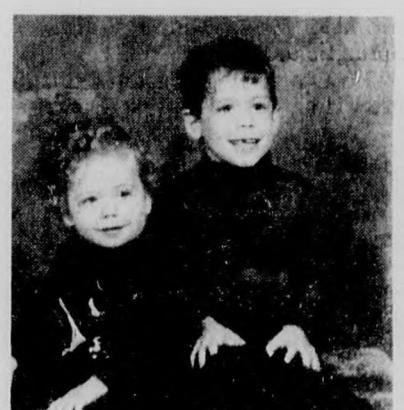
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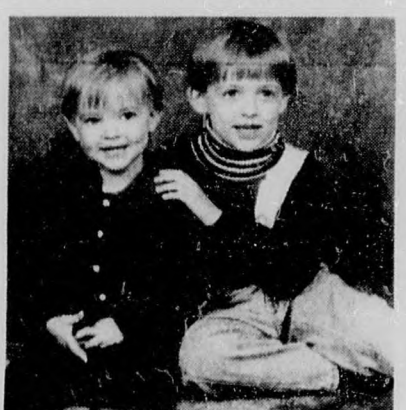
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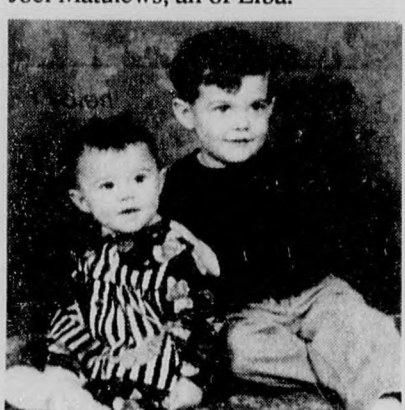
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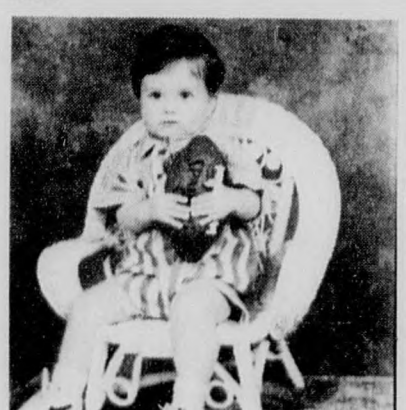
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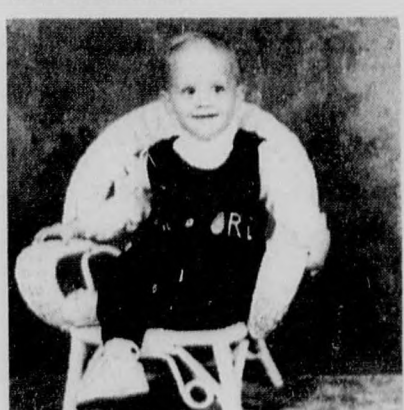
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Pictured above are Brandon, age 10, and Kelli, age 2 years and 10 months. They are the children of Donna Arnold of Jack.



Pictured above is Garrett, age 19 months. He is the son of Troy and Jill Dunn of Elba.



Pictured above is Chace, age 19 months. He is the son of Denise and Stevie Sauls of Jack.



Pictured above is Will, age 2 1/2 months. He is the son of Jerry Johnson of Elba.



Pictured above is Hayes Ballard, age 16 months. He is the son of Terry and Ceina Spicer of Elba.



Pictured above is Austin, age 18 months. He is the son of Glen and Kerry Johnson of Elba.



Pictured above are Tesha, age 8, and Cortlin, age 4. They are the children of Joe and Melinda Lee of Elba.



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Pictured above are Jaron and Connor, both age 21 months. They are the children of Scott and Sabrina Kelley of Elba.



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Pictured above are Tiffany, age 5, and Lydia, age 3 1/2. They are the children of Maria Kelley of Elba.

Social Notes

McDonald-Lamp wedding to be held June 29th



Miss McDonald & Mr. Lamp

Brooke Sanders participates in "Fifty Years of Dance"

Brooke Sanders participated in "Fifty Years of Dance" presented by Murphy Dance Studio of Albany, GA on May 11, 1996. Brooke danced in "It's Me, It's Me" and "Guess What", a tap and ballet presentation. She is the daughter of Becky Blazer of Albany, GA, formerly of Enterprise, AL, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Pate of Memphis, TN.

New Arrival

Shelby Lane Sanders



Shelby Lane Sanders

Tracey and Amanda Sanders are proud to announce the arrival of their daughter, Shelby Lane. She was born March 17, 1996 at Phoeby Putney Hospital of Albany, GA. She weighed 6 lbs. 11 oz. Grandparents are Larry and Charlene Sanders of Albany, GA; Brenda Taylor of Kansas City, KS; and Mr. and Mrs. John Taylor of Celina, OH. Great grandparents are Willdean Galimore Bankston of Graceville, FL, the late Wilbur Galimore, and the late Marie Talbot of Elba, AL.

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Miss Leddon to wed Mr. Johnson Saturday, June 29th

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Leddon of Florida and Mrs. Elaine Brown Leddon of Kinston announce the engagement of their daughter, Angel Michele Leddon, to Joe Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Johnson of Elba.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mrs. Jewele McKinney and the late Mr. Charles McKinney of Kinston and the late Mr. and Mrs. James H. Leddon of Coffee Springs. Miss Leddon is a 1996 graduate of Kinston High School and is pursuing a degree in computer science at Enterprise State Junior College.

The groom is the grandson of Mrs. Lydia Lamp and the late Mr. Lamp of Enfield, Illinois and the late Mr. and Mrs. Malcom Smith of Norris City, Illinois. The wedding will be held June 29 at 4:00 p.m. at the New Haven Baptist Church in Elba, Alabama.

All friends and relatives are invited to attend. A reception will follow in the church fellowship hall.



Miss Leddon & Mr. Johnson

Brown-Walsh engagement announced

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Barefoot of New Brockton, AL and Mr. and Mrs. William H. Brown of Fayette, AL announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Melanie Yvonne Brown, to Ronald James Walsh, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Walsh of Enterprise, AL.

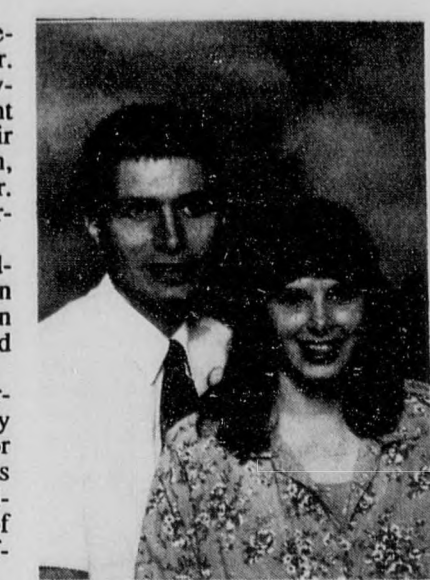
The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Zealton Smith of Kinston, AL, the late Ben H. (Bill) Brown of Elba, AL, and Mrs. Ina E. Brown of Elba, AL. She is a 1989 graduate of Enterprise High School and is currently attending Enterprise State Junior College in Enterprise, AL. She is working toward a degree in business. She is employed by the City of Enterprise as a communications officer.

The future groom is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Perry Etheridge of Enterprise, AL and the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Walsh of Springfield, MA.

He is a 1981 graduate of Enterprise High School and graduated in 1990 from Auburn University in Auburn, AL. He earned a degree in finance. He is employed by the City of Enterprise as a police officer.

The wedding will take place at 3:00 p.m. on July 20 at Hillcrest Baptist Church in Enterprise, AL. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

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Mr. Walsh & Miss Brown

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Rabies Awareness Week draws attention to deadly disease

Incidents of rabies in Alabama have nearly doubled in the past five years.

150 cases of rabies were reported last year in Alabama.

Once clinical symptoms of rabies appear, the disease is always fatal.

Frightening facts like these have led the Alabama Veterinary Medical Association and the Alabama Department of Public Health to cooperatively designate June 3-8 as Rabies Awareness Week. The week is designed to educate people about the seriousness of rabies, and encourage annual vaccinations of their pets by veterinarians, as required by law. Public clinics will offer low-cost vaccinations in most counties throughout the state.

Rabies is a disease of all warm-blooded animals including humans. The best way humans can protect themselves against the disease is by vaccinating all cats and dogs annually. According to the U.S. Public Health Service, more than 70% of all domestic pets must be vaccinated to ensure that animals and humans alike are not threatened by rabies. However, only 44% of Alabama's dogs and cats were immunized in 1995. Since more than half of human exposure to rabies is through the family pet, annual vaccination is crucial.

Many people mistakenly believe that since their pets stay in the yard, or in the house, they cannot become infected," says Dr. William Johnston, Alabama State Public Health Veterinarian. "But the fact is, primarily carriers of the disease, such as raccoons, bats and skunks, all make home close to human populations. Pets can easily come in contact with them in their own backyards, or even in the house if there is an opening, such as a chimney, through which animals can enter."

"And infection does not come solely from bites," Dr. Johnston continues. "A scratch or even a lick from an infected animal can transmit the deadly virus to your beloved pet. All that needs to occur for transmission is contaminated saliva contacting a wound, or even the eyes or mouth."

If your pet contracts rabies, there is no cure. Having your dog or cat vaccinated annually by a veterinarian is the only way to ensure your pet has a rabies-free life. Veterinarians are experts in rabies prevention and management, and must be consulted to protect the community from the disease. To find out where public clinics will be offered in your county, either call your family veterinarian, or contact your local health department.

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Librarians at Elba Elementary School sponsor costume contest

The Elba Elementary School librarians sponsored a costume contest recently for all students of the Elba Elementary School.

The students were instructed to dress up as a character from a book in the library, and winners were selected in grades K-6, with overall winners in grades K-3 and 4-6.

Winners included:

KINDERGARTEN

Ashley Carpenter - Angel from the Bible; Robert Paul - Calico Cat; Bobby Hudson - Pinocchio

FIRST GRADE

Janie Fudge - Casper; Wesley Calhoun, Antwon Tillis, Kim Martindell - Caps For Sale; Melanie Mularz - Mouse Ran Up The Clock.

SECOND GRADE

Tori Brooks - Millions of Cats; Ben Coppage - Raggedy Andy; Kayla Kelley, Billy Crawford, Justin West, Doug Turnbull, Emily Paul - Three Little Pigs.

THIRD GRADE

Ryan Gibbs - Nolan Ryan; Amber Howell - Kitten Book; Mallory Allen, Colette Newsome - Madeline and Cavel.

FOURTH GRADE

Blake Brunson - Toy Tim; Alex Allen - Hair Raising Tales; Kaite Dyess - How Many Spots Does A Leopard Have?

FIFTH GRADE

Jesse Holloway - Hunchback of Notre Dame; Timothy Andrews - Shaggy's O'Neal; Billy Gibson - Peter Pan.

SIXTH GRADE

Brittany Daniels - Old Mother Hubbard; Ashley Lamb, Kara Giles, Amanda Spicer - Little Women; Katie Crowe, Casey Skinner, Chelsea Cooper, Shay Johnson, Brandi Davis, Kendal Murphy, Ashley Harrison - Peter Pan group.

OVERALL WINNERS

GRADES K - 3

Teacher - Norma Young - Goldilocks

Student - Melanie Mularz - Mouse Ran Up The Clock

GRADES 4-6

Teacher - Sabrina Kelley - Cinderella

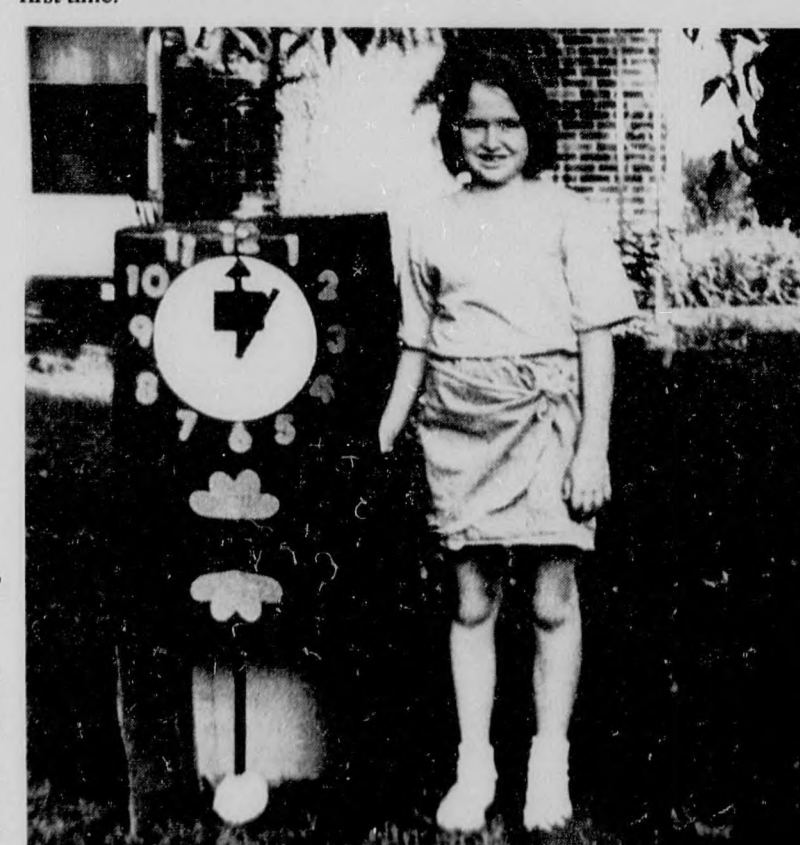
Student - Brittany Daniels - Old Mother Hubbard



BRITTANY DANIELS... was the overall winner in grades 4-5 in the recent costume contest sponsored by the Elba Elementary School librarians. Brittany's costume was based on the nursery rhyme Old Mother Hubbard.



HUCK FINN was a popular character with many of the male students, while a number of the young ladies favored dressing as an Indian princess, each probably with visions of saving the life of their very own Captain John Smith, disregarding the fact it is just a story and never really happened the first time.



MELANIE MULARZ... was the overall winner in grades K-3 in the recent costume contest sponsored by the Elba Elementary School librarians. Melanie's costume was based on the nursery rhyme Hickory Dickory Dock and was entitled "The Mouse Ran Up The Clock."

Using the Microcomputer Level II being offered at ESJC

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MOTION TO HIRE NEW POLICE OFFICER SPARKS DEBATE

City sets sale date for old school property

By Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council's proposed agenda appeared routine for Monday night but reality was anything but routine.

The council set a date to auction three parcels of the old school property, which upset council member Earl McCollough considerably.

Then a recommendation by Mayor Ricky Haywood to hire Dave Sutton for 30 hours a week in the police department sparked a heated argument and a 3-3 tie vote, resulting in his not being hired.

The action to set a public auction for the real estate came after City Clerk Henry Clark recommended the council set an auction date for several pieces of excess equipment. When the suggestion it be combined with the long discussed sale of the three parcels of real estate was made, McCollough got upset.

One of the parcels is the 2 plus acres between Cook Chevrolet and the old elementary school. It is where McCollough has been trying to establish a youth park, where teenagers can meet at night to chat, etc. without disturbing others or hanging around business parking lots. A street light has been installed and picnic table built and placed on the property.

When asked for his recommendation of a sale date, McCollough said, "I am not for selling property. I haven't agreed to selling since I have been on this council and I will not agree to this." He reminded council members of his efforts to establish a place for the teenagers and now they were talking about selling it.

The council voted to set and advertise the sale date for the first Saturday in August. The property to be included are the elementary school, with 6.7 acres; a 2.2 acre parcel and a 3.1 acre parcel both on the South side (or Cook Chevrolet side) of Dixon Street.

Haywood said he didn't have time to drink coffee either, but council members had been accused of micro managing the police department, but they don't even know what is going on down there.

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The recommendation to hire Sutton ran into trouble immediately. Haywood said the department needed some help with updating the SOP's (Standard Operating Procedures) and this is a golden opportunity to get this man (Sutton).

He explained the man was a certified officer in Texas and would soon complete the Alabama Police Academy in Ozark, and possibly as the honor graduate. He would work on the SOP's and "other administrative duties." Later he said Sutton would also be doing some patrol work, if hired.

Council member Gladys Yelverton said she understood the need for more help in the department but, "We have a situation with the pending lawsuit and we don't need to put another officer in and then a federal judge order us to put someone back to work I think we need to let the slot stay vacant and save whatever money we can." Later, after the tie vote was recorded and reminders of all the problems facing the police were mentioned, she asked if hiring this man for 30 hours would solve all those problems and "If so, maybe I did vote wrong." However, no one would say this would solve all the problems.

Council member Ben Carpenter said, "I was unaware of this completely. Why couldn't we be contacted on this type thing before they are presented?"

Haywood said he didn't have time to come around and drink coffee with each council member and tell them everything that was going on. His job was to make sure the city runs efficiently.

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